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For: ADVANCED SET TOP TERMINAL WITH ELECTRONIC MAIL BOX FOR  
CABLE DELIVERY SYSTEMS

**Mail Stop RCE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.